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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SEC VISIT: USGA; FONSEC MINIC ATTENDANCE

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1. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO INVITE YUGOSLAV FONSEC MILOS MINIC TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON. WE DO NOT YET HAVE INFORMATION ON TIMING OF MINIC VISIT TO UN; WE EXPECT TO HAVE THIS SOON. IN ANY CASE, WE KNOW YUGOSLAVS HOPE MINIC CAN MEET WITH SECRETARY, AND I BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK IN A WASHINGTON TRIP FOR HIM AT ALMOST ANY DATE CONVENIENT FOR SECRETARY.

2. THIS WOULD BE MINIC'S FIRST VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IT WOULD OFFER US AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR TOP-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH HIM. THESE HAVE BEEN FEW TO DATE. THE WASHINGTON LOCATION WOULD TAKE TALKS WITH MINIC OUT OF CONTEXT OF USUAL SECRETARY-FOREIGN MINISTER MEETINGS IN NEW YORK AND EMPHASIZE CONTINUING US INTEREST IN YUGOSLAV DEVELOPMENTS.

3. MINIC HAS BEEN IN THE FONSEC JOB ONLY NINE MONTHS. HE IS CONCURRENTLY A VICE PRESIDENT IN THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CABINET). I AM IMPRESSED WITH WHAT I HAVE SEEN OF MINIC, AND
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I BELIEVE HE HAS A SOLID FUTURE IN THE GOY. HE WARRANTS OUR

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

4. I WOULD EXPECT TALKS WITH MINIC TO BE GENERAL RATHER THAN TO TAKE UP SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. MEETING WOULD AFFORD OCCASION ON ONE HAND FOR MINIC TO SUMMARIZE DEVELOPMENTS IN YUGOSLAV INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN POLICY (PERHAPS INCLUDING COMMENTS ON THE ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED MEETING), AND ON OTHER HAND FOR SECRETARY TO STRESS CONSTANT US INTEREST IN YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE AND NONALIGNMENT. IT WOULD ALSO AFFORD AN OCCASION TO REINFORCE US REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING KOREA AND OTHER UNGA ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US.

5. HIGHLY UNLIKELY TITO WILL ATTEND UNGA. NO INDICATION PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC PLANNING TO ATTEND EITHER.
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